

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the Title of the Invention on page 1, line 1 as follows:

Methods for Increasing Lactose Digestion ~~the dietary management of irritable bowel syndrome and carbohydrate malabsorption~~

Please amend the following paragraphs beginning on page 1, after the Title of the Invention as follows:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a national stage application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §371, of International Application No. PCT/US2004/040513, filed on December 3, 2004 ~~February 23, 2005~~, which claims the benefit of U.S.S.N. 60/528,074, filed December 5, 2003 and U.S.S.N. 10/915,030, filed August 9, 2004, which claims the benefit of 60/528,074, filed December 5, 2003, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 09/369,016, filed August 5, 1999, which claims the benefit of 60/095,786, filed August 7, 1998, each ~~both~~ of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.